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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN AN ANTIDUMPING DUTY
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RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN AN ANTIDUMPING
DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED
CARBON QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS (A-462-809)

1. ON FEBRUARY 25, 1999, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED
IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ITS PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF
SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY
INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-
QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION(64 F.R.
9312).

2.FOR PURPOSES OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE PRODUCTS COVERED

ARE CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS OF A RECTANGULAR SHAPE, OF A WIDTH OF 0.5 INCH OR GREATER, NEITHER CLAD, PLATED, NOR COATED WITH METAL AND WHETHER OR NOT PAINTED, VARNISHED, OR COATED WITH PLASTICS OR OTHER NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCES, IN COILS (WHETHER OR NOT IN SUCCESSIVELY SUPERIMPOSED LAYERS) REGARDLESS OF THICKNESS, AND IN STRAIGHT LENGTHS, OF A THICKNESS LESS THAN 4.75 MM AND OF A WIDTH MEASURING AT LEAST 10 TIMES THE THICKNESS. UNIVERSAL MILL PLATE (I.E., FLAT-ROLLED PRODUCTS ROLLED ON FOUR FACES OR IN A CLOSED BOX PASS, OF A WIDTH EXCEEDING 150 MM BUT NOT EXCEEDING 1250 MM AND OF A THICKNESS OF NOT LESS THAN 4 MM, NOT IN COILS AND WITHOUT PATTERNS IN RELIEF) OF A THICKNESS NOT LESS THAN 4.0 MM IS NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS.

SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THIS SCOPE ARE VACUUM DEGASSED, FULLY STABILIZED (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS INTERSTITIAL-FREE ("IF")) STEELS, HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY ("HSLA") STEELS, AND THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS. IF STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS LOW CARBON STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS TITANIUM AND/OR NIOBIUM ADDED TO STABILIZE CARBON AND NITROGEN ELEMENTS. HSLA STEELS ARE RECOGNIZED AS STEELS WITH MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS CHROMIUM, COPPER, NIOBIUM, TITANIUM, VANADIUM, AND MOLYBDENUM. THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEELS CONTAINS MICRO-ALLOYING LEVELS OF ELEMENTS SUCH AS SILICON AND ALUMINUM.

STEEL PRODUCTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, REGARDLESS OF HTSUS DEFINITIONS, ARE PRODUCTS IN WHICH: 1) IRON PREDOMINATES, BY WEIGHT, OVER EACH OF THE OTHER CONTAINED ELEMENTS; 2) THE CARBON CONTENT IS 2 PERCENT OR LESS, BY WEIGHT; AND 3) NONE OF THE ELEMENTS LISTED BELOW EXCEEDS THE QUANTITY, BY WEIGHT, RESPECTIVELY INDICATED: 1.80 PERCENT OF MANGANESE, OR 1.50 PERCENT OF SILICON, OR 1.00 PERCENT OF COPPER, OR 0.50 PERCENT OF ALUMINUM, OR 1.25 PERCENT OF CHROMIUM, OR 0.30 PERCENT OF COBALT, OR 0.40 PERCENT OF LEAD, OR 1.25 PERCENT OF NICKEL, OR 0.30 PERCENT

OF TUNGSTEN, OR 0.012 PERCENT OF BORON, OR 0.10 PERCENT OF MOLYBDENUM, OR 0.10 PERCENT OF NIOBIUM, OR 0.41 PERCENT OF TITANIUM, OR 0.15 PERCENT OF VANADIUM, OR 0.15 PERCENT OF ZIRCONIUM.

ALL PRODUCTS THAT MEET THE PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL DESCRIPTION PROVIDED ABOVE ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION UNLESS OTHERWISE EXCLUDED. THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS, BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, ARE OUTSIDE AND/OR SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION:

ALLOY HOT-ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTS IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE OF THE CHEMICAL ELEMENTS EXCEEDS THOSE LISTED ABOVE (INCLUDING E.G. , ASTM SPECIFICATIONS A543, A387, A514, A517, AND A506).

SAE/AISI GRADES OF SERIES 2300 AND HIGHER.

BALL BEARING STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS.

TOOL STEELS, AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS.

SILICO-MANGANESE (AS DEFINED IN THE HTSUS) OR SILICON ELECTRICAL STEEL WITH A SILICON LEVEL EXCEEDING 1.50 PERCENT.

ASTM SPECIFICATIONS A710 AND A736.

USS ABRASION-RESISTANT STEELS (USS AR 400, USS AR 500).

HOT-ROLLED STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C EQUALS 0.10 - 0.14 PERCENT; MN EQUALS 0.90 PERCENT MAX;
P EQUALS 0.025 PERCENT MAX; S EQUALS 0.005 PERCENT MAX;
SI EQUALS 0.30 - 0.50 PERCENT; CR EQUALS 0.50 - 0.70
PERCENT; CU EQUALS 0.20 - 0.40 PERCENT; NI EQUALS 0.20
PERCENT MAX

WIDTH EQUALS 44.80 INCHES MAXIMUM; THICKNESS EQUALS 0.063 -

0.198 INCHES; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 50,000 KSI MINIMUM;
TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 70,000 - 88,000 PSI.

HOT-ROLLED STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL,
PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C EQUALS 0.10 - 0.16 PERCENT; MN EQUALS 0.70 - 0.90 PERCENT;
P EQUALS 0.025 PERCENT MAX; S EQUALS 0.006 PERCENT MAX;
SI EQUALS 0.30 - 0.50 PERCENT; CR EQUALS 0.50 - 0.70
PERCENT; CU EQUALS 0.25 PERCENT MAX; NI EQUALS 0.20 PERCENT
MAX; MO EQUALS 0.21 PERCENT MAX;

WIDTH EQUALS 44.80 INCHES MAXIMUM; THICKNESS EQUALS 0.350
INCHES MAXIMUM; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 80,000 KSI MINIMUM;
TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 105,000 PSI AIM.

HOT-ROLLED STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL,
PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C EQUALS 0.10 - 0.14 PERCENT; MN EQUALS 1.30 - 1.80 PERCENT;
P EQUALS 0.025 PERCENT MAX, S EQUALS 0.005 PERCENT MAX, SI
EQUALS 0.30 - 0.50 PERCENT; CR EQUALS 0.50 - 0.70 PERCENT;
CU EQUALS 0.20 - 0.40 PERCENT; NI EQUALS 0.20 PERCENT MAX;
V(WT.)EQUALS 0.10 MAX; CB EQUALS 0.08 PERCENT MAX

WIDTH EQUALS 44.80 INCHES MAXIMUM; THICKNESS EQUALS 0.350
INCHES MAXIMUM; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 80,000 KSI MINIMUM;
TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 105,000 PSI AIM.

HOT-ROLLED STEEL COIL WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CHEMICAL,
PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

C EQUALS 0.15 PERCENT MAX; MN EQUALS 1.40 PERCENT MAX;P
EQUALS 0.025 PERCENT MAX; S EQUALS 0.010 PERCENT MAX;
SI EQUALS 0.50 PERCENT MAX; CR EQUALS 1.00 PERCENT MAX;
CU EQUALS 0.50 PERCENT MAX; NI EQUALS 0.20 PERCENT MAX;
NB EQUALS 0.005 PERCENT MIN; CA EQUALS TREATED;

AL EQUALS 0.01 - 0.07 PERCENT.

WIDTH EQUALS 39.37 INCHES; THICKNESS EQUALS 0.181 INCHES
MAXIMUM; YIELD STRENGTH EQUALS 70,000 PSI MINIMUM FOR
THICKNESSES LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.148 INCHES AND 65,000
PSI MINIMUM FOR THICKNESSES GREATER THAN 0.148 INCHES;
TENSILE STRENGTH EQUALS 80,000 PSI MINIMUM.

HOT-ROLLED DUAL PHASE STEEL, PHASE-HARDENED, PRIMARILY WITH
A FERRITIC-MARTENSITIC MICROSTRUCTURE, CONTAINS 0.9 PERCENT
UP TO AND INCLUDING 1.5 PERCENT SILICON BY WEIGHT, FURTHER
CHARACTERIZED BY EITHER (I) TENSILE STRENGTH BETWEEN 540
N/MM SQUARED AND 640 N/MM SQUARED AND AN ELONGATION
PERCENTAGE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 26 PERCENT FOR
THICKNESSES OF 2 MM AND ABOVE, OR (II) A TENSILE STRENGTH
BETWEEN 590 N/MM SQUARED AND 690 N/MM SQUARED AND AN
ELONGATION PERCENTAGE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 25 PERCENT
FOR THICKNESSES OF 2MM AND ABOVE.

HOT-ROLLED BEARING QUALITY STEEL, SAE GRADE 1050, IN COILS,
WITH AN INCLUSION RATING OF 1.0 MAXIMUM PER ASTM E 45,
METHOD A, WITH EXCELLENT SURFACE QUALITY AND CHEMISTRY
RESTRICTIONS AS FOLLOWS: 0.012 PERCENT MAXIMUM PHOSPHORUS,
0.015 PERCENT MAXIMUM SULFUR, AND 0.20 PERCENT MAXIMUM
RESIDUALS INCLUDING 0.15 PERCENT MAXIMUM CHROMIUM.

THE MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO THESE INVESTIGATIONS IS
CLASSIFIED IN THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED
STATES ("HTSUS") AT SUBHEADINGS: 7208.10.15.00,
7208.10.30.00, 7208.10.60.00, 7208.25.30.00, 7208.25.60.00,
7208.26.00.30, 7208.26.00.60, 7208.27.00.30, 7208.27.00.60,
7208.36.00.30, 7208.36.00.60, 7208.37.00.30, 7208.37.00.60,
7208.38.00.15, 7208.38.00.30, 7208.38.00.90, 7208.39.00.15,
7208.39.00.30, 7208.39.00.90, 7208.40.60.30, 7208.40.60.60,
7208.53.00.00, 7208.54.00.00, 7208.90.00.00, 7210.70.30.00,
7210.90.90.00, 7211.14.00.30, 7211.14.00.90, 7211.19.15.00,
7211.19.20.00, 7211.19.30.00, 7211.19.45.00, 7211.19.60.00,
7211.19.75.30, 7211.19.75.60, 7211.19.75.90, 7212.40.10.00,

7212.40.50.00, 7212.50.00.00. CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING: VACUUM DEGASSED, FULLY STABILIZED; HIGH STRENGTH LOW ALLOY; AND THE SUBSTRATE FOR MOTOR LAMINATION STEEL MAY ALSO ENTER UNDER THE FOLLOWING TARIFF NUMBERS: 7225.11.00.00, 7225.19.00.00, 7225.30.30.50, 7225.30.70.00, 7225.40.70.00, 7225.99.00.90, 7226.11.10.00, 7226.11.90.30, 7226.11.90.60, 7226.19.10.00, 7226.19.90.00, 7226.91.50.00, 7226.91.70.00, 7226.91.80.00, AND 7226.99.00.00. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE MERCHANDISE UNDER INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION NUMBER A-821-809. FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES ONLY THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SHOULD BE USED: A-462-809.

4. BECAUSE CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST FOR IMPORTS OF CERTAIN HOT-ROLLED FLAT-ROLLED CARBON-QUALITY STEEL PRODUCTS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SUCH SHIPMENTS ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 27, 1998, WHICH IS 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER. EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 25, 1999, FOR SUCH ENTRIES, CUSTOMS SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE MARGINS SHOWN BELOW:

MFR/PRODUCER	CUSTOMS ID	MARGIN
EXPORTER	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE

MAGNITOGORSK IRON AND STEEL WORKS	A-462-809-001	149.54
NOVOLIPETSK IRON & STEEL CORP.	A-462-809-002	217.67
JSC SEVERSTAL	A-462-809-003	70.66
ALL OTHERS	A-462-809-000	156.58

5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT, VIA E-MAIL, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY CHANNELS, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY LIAISON, USING THE ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB."THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT CARRIE BLOZY, OFFICE OF AD/CVD ENFORCEMENT, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-0165.
6. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

PAUL SCHWARTZ

Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party